The African Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Practice: Continental challenges and opportunities

HAQAA Follow-Up Workshop to the first HAQAA Training Course

Cairo, Egypt 24-25 April

Hosted by NAQAAE

PROGRAMME

22-23 April

NAQAAE Annual Conference (participants invited to attend at own cost)

24 April

Workshop Hall: Nile Hall

9:00  Official Welcome

Youhansen Eid, NAQAAE

H.E. Ivan Surkoš, EU Ambassador to Egypt (tbc)

Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission

Elizabeth Colucci, of behalf of the HAQAA Consortium

9:45  Session 1: The ASG-QA: Where are we now?

Youhansen Eid, representative of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of the ASG-QA

10:30 Coffee

10:45  Session 2 (group work): The ASG-QA in my system

This first set of break-out groups will look at the parts B and C of the ASG-QA, which pertain to national quality assurance agencies. Participants will be divided by linguistic groups (English, French). Each group will select a rapporteur. The groups will be chaired by Amine Allal (FR) and Jeffy Mukora (ENG).

Questions:
- What are your reactions to parts B and C?
- Are any of the standards or guidelines controversial?
- Are any unclear?
- Please select at least three of the standards and guidelines from your system that you think will be crucial to implement. Discuss obstacles and opportunities for implementing them.

12:15 Session 3: Summaries from break out groups and discussion

- What were some of the common concerns regarding parts B and C of the ASG-QA?
- Did these concerns cross linguistic groups?
- Which standards were selected as being a highest priority for implementation? Did these selections cross linguistic lines?

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13:00 Lunch

14:00 Session 4: Case studies: The ESG in Practice in national QA agencies in Europe (Part B)
Eva Ferreira, ENQA Board member, Unibasq agency, Basque Country, Spain
Kerstin Fink, CEO, Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA), Germany
Chair: Goran Dakovic, European University Association

Discussion

Case study: The East African QA handbook in practice in national QA agencies

Presentation: Pamela Tibihikira-Kalyegira, Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation at the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), Uganda

15:45 Coffee

16:15 Session 5: Action points for taking the ASG-QA forward in national systems
Based on sessions 3 and 4 – Plenary discussion/discussion at tables
Participants are asked to share/brainstorm three action points for their countries

Chair: Elizabeth Colucci, HAQAA Consortium

17:00. Session 6: Opportunities for Networking among Alumni of the HAQAA Training Course

Introduction to the group work exercise (World Café): Marc Wilde, DAAD
Brief input: Amany El Sharif, NAQAAE
Participants brainstorm on opportunities for networking and follow-up the idea of forming a network of African QA ambassadors.

Chair: Elizabeth Colucci, HAQAA Consortium

18:00 Close

19:30 Official Dinner at the Nile Crystal Cruise - Moving from the Hotel at 6:45 pm.

25 April

9:00 Summary of Session 6, brainstorming on a HAQAA network

9:15 Session 7: Methodology for the external QA agency reviews (Part C, ASG-QA)
Jeffy Mukora, CNAQ, Mozambique and Member of the TWG

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Case study: External agency review
Abdou Cissé, ANAQ-Sup, Senegal

10:00 Session 8 (Group work): Opportunities and challenges regarding QA agency review

Group 1 will consist of those countries that have established QA agencies, which would be eligible to undergo a review. Group 2 will consist of countries that are striving to set up a QA agency.

Chairs: Youhansen Eid (ENG – Group1), Zakari Lire (FR – Group 2)

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Summary from group work

12:00 Session 7: Personal Action Plans – Where are we now?
Case studies from participants about the state of progress in PAPs: Naidoo Kethamonie, CHE, South Africa/SAQAN

Discussion

Chair: Maha Rashwan, NAQAAE

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Session 8: Impacts of TUNING Africa and establishing a credit system
- Presentation: The continental framework for developing a credit transfer system (Yohannes Woldetensae, African Union Commission)

- Presentation (by Skype): TUNING Africa regarding the proposal for an African credit system (Damtew Teferra, Lead researcher for the TUNING credit transfer proposal)

Discussion

15:45 Coffee

16:00 Session 9: QA capacity development needs in Africa: Designing a future HAQAA/PAQAF Training course on IQA and EQA

Group Work: Participants discuss in what areas and by which means capacities in the field of IQA and EQA should be developed in order to sustain or continue the work of HAQAA

Chair: Marc Wilde, DAAD
17:30 Close

19:30 Dinner at Conrad' hotel restaurant